

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU,
April 23, 1917—Last twenty-
four hours: Partly, 51.
Temperature, Min. 51; Max.
57. Weather, clear.

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LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS		
	Cents	Dollars
Per Centrifugal No. 12 per lb. per ton		
Price, Hawaiian basis	6.27	\$126.40
Last previous quote	6.39	\$127.80

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HAIG KEEPS UP STEADY DRIVE FORCING FOES BACK IN WEST

North and South of River Scarpe the British New Offensive Compels the German Armies of Hindenburg Into Retirement

MORE THAN TWELVE HUNDRED ADDITIONAL PRISONERS TAKEN

Important Junction Points Fall Into Hands of British As They Move Onward in the Direction of Both Cambrai and Douai

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service)

NEW YORK, April 24.—North and south of the Scarpe River the British have again launched attacks of the heaviest sort against the faltering German lines. Along the Bapaume-Cambrai road they took without much difficulty the village of Tescourt and have cleared the Germans out of Hayincourt wood, thereby advancing their lines materially toward the last night center.

The intensive fighting now stretches between Lens and Havrincourt, a distance of approximately twelve miles, and London reports the capture of a number of important positions formerly held by the Germans together with an additional twelve hundred prisoners on the first day of the new offensive.

On both sides of the Scarpe the advance toward Douai has been marked by the fall of the little village of Gavrelle, on the direct road from Arras to Douai, and about six miles east of Arras. Attack followed attack in this sector until the leaders of Haig's troops had progressed more than two and one-half miles over a wide front in this sector.

Southeast of Monchy le Preux the British struck heavily and report that they have been successful, having taken prisoners and the important junction point of Guemappe. The advance south-east of Lens apparently places the entire Lens district under the control of the British gunners and threatens the German lines in that sector with flanking.

Berlin officially admits a defeat here, saying that the German front "broke down" under the British artillery fire and that the Germans retired after suffering heavily.

Huge supplies of munitions and hundreds of thousands of troops are concentrating at supposedly vulnerable points opposite the German front, ready to be combined into the same crushing offensive that smashed the Teuton lines along the Aisne, at Soissons and in Champagne.

It is believed that General Haig, the British commander, is making another effort to smash through to Cambrai and Douai.

While interest is turned toward the west front, military experts are watching with keen expectancy the progress of the Allied operations against the Turks in Mesopotamia, where the British and Russians have been carrying on a concerted campaign since the British conquered Baghdad and joined the Slavs further along the Tigris river.

Lord Curzon, speaking of the possibilities in this area, yesterday said: "Keep your eyes on Mesopotamia." It is believed that this is a prediction of an overwhelming blow by the British and Russians against the shattered forces of the Sultan.

The main Turkish forces are now surrounded by the Allies. It is believed that the Germans are preparing for a big offensive against the Russians, as it is known that their fleet has left Libau for an unknown destination, and the armies near Riga have resumed their hammering of the Slav lines.

COASTWISE SHIPS TO BE DIVERTED TO ATLANTIC TRADE

Conference of Defense Council, Shipping Board and Heads of Steamer Companies Discuss Plans For Keeping Lines Open To Our Allies

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) WASHINGTON, April 24.—Immediate diversion to the transatlantic trade of vessels now engaged in coastwise trade was forecast yesterday in official circles, following a conference between the defense council federal shipping board and representatives of the principal transportation companies.

The government takes the stand that it is of the utmost importance to keep ample supplies of food and munitions of war moving in a steady stream to Europe to supply the people, and particularly the armies of the Entente nations that are now carrying on the struggle against Prussian militarism. Every available ship is needed for this purpose and it is the announced expectation of the government that as many as possible of those running coastwise shall be diverted to the transatlantic run.

FREE SLAVS WILL FIGHT TO FINISH

Together With Frenchmen They Are Enormously Impressed By Wilson's Speech

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) WASHINGTON, April 24.—Dispatches to the state department from Petrograd last night once again affirmed Russia's firm determination to keep fighting until victory comes to the Entente and the United States in their war against Prussianism. The dispatch declared that "Russia is no more likely to give up the battle before achieving the results for which she has paid so much, than the United States."

The dispatches add that the address delivered by President Wilson has created a profound impression in Russia and that arrangements are under way for the printing of large numbers of copies for wide distribution. The liberal government is taking the government of the United States as a pattern in modeling the new laws for Russia.

Paris also reports that the President's address has created a profound impression in France and adds that the American aviators are having three hundred thousand copies printed for distribution via the aeroplane route, to the German armies in the western battle front. The translation will be by agreement between France and the United States.

CHINA GROWS HOT AT TEUTON OUTRAGE

Detention of Minister in Berlin Rouses Oriental Anger

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) PEKING, April 23.—The war sentiment in China is increasing. The Chinese are incensed at the action of Germany in detaining the Chinese minister to Berlin pending the arrival of von Hintz, former German minister at Peking.

The Chinese military governors will meet on Wednesday. It is believed they will declare an independent war on Germany.

AMERICA LAUGHS AT SUBMARINE MENACE

Larger Volume of Trade With Entente Than Ever Before

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) WASHINGTON, April 23.—Despite the activity of German submarines and Germany's threat against United States shipping, American exports for March amounted to \$551,278,000, which figure has been exceeded only once in the history of the country. The imports also set a new record—\$270,484,000.

MACHINE guns have been the chief weapons of defense and offense of the infantry on both sides in this war and the picture below shows the French poilus, or "hairy ones," at work with one of their spitfires beating back a German attack.



UNCLE SAM WINNER OF SUIT FOR LAND

Southern Pacific Railroad Defeated in Long Pending Case Before Supreme Court

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) WASHINGTON, April 23.—The supreme court today affirmed the federal court's decision enjoining the Southern Pacific from disposing of timber and mineral lands of its congressional grant. By the same decision the government wins the suit to regain Oregon and Washington land.

At stake in the Oregon-California land case, twice before the supreme court, was title to almost 2,500,000 acres of land worth, including timber and minerals, about \$50,000,000, along the Southern Pacific line in Western Oregon and Washington. Specially involved were the timber and minerals, alone estimated at \$24,250,000.

A decision in favor of the railroad involves receipt of the proceeds by the railroad instead of the government from the lands, timber and minerals, with the government receiving but \$2.50 per acre, and also annulment of the Chamberlain-Perris law of 1916, which forfeited the railroad's title and provided for the properties disposition by the government.

Forfeiture of the railroad's title was sought because it charged more than \$2.50 an acre for the land granted in 1869 by Congress to induce construction by the old Oregon-California railroad of railroad extensions into the new northwest territory. The old grant fixed this maximum figure at which the grantees should sell to actual settlers. The government alleged gross and continuous violation of the \$2.50 price restriction for 40 years. It charged that the railroads had sold land for prices greatly in excess of that sum.

FRESH FIGHTING IN CHINA BREAKS OUT

Yunnanese and Troops of Sze Chuen Clash in Cheng Tu

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) CHENG TU, China, April 23.—Fierce fighting broke out today in the streets of this city between the troops of Sze Chuen and Yunnan provinces. The fighting is the climax of friction between the two parties which has increased since the Yunnanese forces entered Cheng Tu last April.

NEW TRIAL ASKED FOR LABOR LEADER

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Superior Judge Griffin today announced that he will ask the attorney general to convene a new trial for the Mooney trial and ask for a new trial.

LES DARCY ENLISTS IN AVIATION CORPS OF AMERICAN ARMY

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) WASHINGTON, April 24.—The Australian middleweight boxer today enlisted as a reserve in the aviation corps, by virtue of which he will be permitted to make his first fight appearance in the ring in the United States.

Darcy has been under a cloud since his arrival in the States as a work-a-way on a tramp steamer, having been accused of being a slacker who left Australia in order to avoid military service.

He was to have fought Al McCoy, the "cheese" champion, in New York, but the Governor of the State refused to allow the match. Matches with Jack Dillon and Mike Gibbons were also arranged, but the sentiment created by the action of the Governor of New York spread to other States, and Darcy found himself ostracized and without a place in which to fight.

PASSAGE OF ARMY MEASURE ASSURED

Raising of Great American Force To Combat Prussianism Finds No Enemies

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) WASHINGTON, April 24.—The raising of a great army to defend the United States and to fight Prussianism is certain. This became apparent yesterday in the course of the debate that was begun in both houses on the Army Bill.

The debate demonstrated that there will be no fight against the plan of the administration to raise and train an army adequate to the needs of the Nation. The only question is as to what strength can be mustered by the opponents of the selective draft system which is strongly insisted upon by President Wilson.

It is regarded as certain that the senate will pass the bill with this provision virtually unchanged but what the house will do is still problematical. It is expected that the house will vote on the measure tomorrow. Senator Chamberlain may ask that the senate vote on the bill either tomorrow or Thursday.

SCORES KILLED BY AVALANCHE IN ALPS

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) BERNE, Switzerland, April 24.—Scores of persons were killed yesterday by a great avalanche in southern Switzerland which rushed down from the Alps, burying them under hundreds of feet of snow and rock. Great numbers of cattle and many buildings were buried under the snow.

HOUSE IS DENIED RIGHT TO PUNISH

Supreme Court Finds Representatives Have No Authority To Fine Attorney

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) WASHINGTON, April 23.—The supreme court today handed down a decision holding that the national house of representatives has no authority to punish United States Attorney H. Snowden Marshall for contempt of court. The Marshall case grew out of his prosecution of Congressman Buchanan for connection with alleged conspiracy to foment strikes in the United States on behalf of the Venturas.

Contempt of the house of representatives was charged against United States District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall of New York. The house passed a resolution June 20 last finding him in contempt for writing a letter criticizing a house judiciary subcommittee in its investigation of impeachment charges made against him December 14, 1915, by Representative Buchanan of Illinois. Speaker Clark issued a warrant of arrest for "service by Sergeant-at-Arms Robert B. Gordon."

Authority of the house to act as a court and punish contempt of its privileges was denied by Mr. Marshall in his habeas corpus suit against the sergeant-at-arms. Federal Judge Hand of New York dismissed the suit July 31, ordered Mr. Marshall into custody of the sergeant-at-arms to appear before the house for punishment, and released the district attorney upon his own recognizance pending the supreme court's decision upon his appeal.

Representative Buchanan impeached Mr. Marshall for alleged misconduct and neglect of duty in the Oliver O'Brien-Hart Tanager and other cases, just two weeks before Mr. Buchanan and others concerned with Labor's national peace party were indicted by a New York federal grand jury in connection with an alleged conspiracy to foment strikes in American munitions factories.

TURKS BREAK WITH UNCLE SAM AT LAST

State Department Receives Formal Notification of Rupture

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) WASHINGTON, April 23.—Official notification was received at the state department today that Turkey has severed diplomatic relations with the United States, following the lead of Germany.

NEW DREADNAUGHT IS LAUNCHED AT NEW YORK

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) NEW YORK, April 23.—Success attended the launching today of America's latest big warship, the dreadnaught New Mexico, which was sent into the water in the presence of a considerable crowd.

PRUSSIAN IRON HEEL CRUSHES BERLIN STRIKE

Kaiser's Military Forces Called Into Play To Ruthlessly Smash Flat the Resistance of the Half Starved and Protesting People of Empire

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) COFFENHAGEN, April 24.—The iron hand of Prussian militarism closed yesterday upon the throat of labor and forced it to yield to the dictates of Kaiser Wilhelm and his chancellor, von Bethmann-Hollweg. The strike of thousands of munition plant workers was ruthlessly crushed.

The great weapon and munition plants of Berlin, the half-starved laborers of which had gone on strike, demanding enough food to supply strength for their bodies and keep their families from starving, were seized by the military authorities, who took full control of the factories.

The authorities then issued an order that all the workmen who had gone on strike must either return immediately or be mobilized and compelled to work for the extremely small wages paid soldiers. Under this threat the resolution of the striking workmen broke and they yielded to the demands of the military caste and returned to work.

The Associated Press yesterday sent out the following summary of news from the Central Empires:

"A pall of silence has fallen over the Central Empires, accentuating the reports of grave internal troubles."

"Despite assertions in the German press that the Berlin strike, involving 200,000 people, is over, there is evidence that the agitation is continuing. The Tagessblatt admits that members of the munition unions have refused to return to their plants."

"Following reports that Count Tiesdorff of Hungary and the Hungarian minister of the interior at Vienna and Budapest, has resigned, all information of conditions at Vienna and Budapest ceased. No more telegraphic reports were allowed to come out."

"The Socialists and radicals of both empires have been drawn closer by recent events, and inflammatory language is being used with an impetuosity inconceivable in the earlier days of the war."

"That the strike in Germany has assumed proportions of great menace to the empire is evidenced by the report brought to this city last night by an American just arrived from Hamburg, who says that the strike in Berlin had spread to the big German port last week, and was growing when he left there."

WAR REVENUE TAX IS SETTLED UPON

Democrats and Republicans Agreed Upon Some Features of the Important Bill

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) WASHINGTON, April 24.—The war revenue tax which it was proposed to levy upon goods new on the free list will probably not be imposed, it was announced yesterday. The Democratic and Republican leaders of the house, it is declared, have come to an agreement on a tariff which will probably result in the omission of the proposed war tax.

This, however, will make necessary the raising of \$250,000,000 of revenue in other ways, probably by the imposition of internal revenue taxes.

The Democratic and Republican leaders are reported as being unable to agree upon the plan to increase the tax on corporation profits.

M'ADOO ARRANGES FOR BIG LOAN TO ENGLAND

Will Make Public Amount and Details Within Few Days

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) WASHINGTON, April 24.—Preparations are being made by the treasury department for the issuance of the first American loan to Great Britain. Secretary McAdoo announced yesterday that he would, within a few days, make public the amount of it and the details of the bond issue. The money is to be raised by the sale of government bonds and a publicity campaign to interest the general public in the bonds and insure their general distribution has been decided upon by the treasury department.

GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING TO TAKE CONTROL OF FOODSTUFFS

Production, Conservation and Distribution of Supplies Regarded As Most Important of All Questions At This Time

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT PROBING RAISE IN PRICES

Houston Announces That Farmers' Organizations Have Pledged Their Support In Recent Steps Taken By Administration

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The production, conservation and distribution of food supplies is one of the most important and deeply considered matters now engaging the attention of the legislative and executive branches of the national government, which are preparing to take measures looking to government control of such supplies.

The senate agricultural committee yesterday took up the question of the rapid increase in food prices and began an inquiry, by means of a public hearing, into the charges of manipulation and extortion that have been freely made. The idea of the senate is to find out whether the present high prices are justified by conditions or whether they are due to arbitrary action by big dealers who largely control supplies.

The federal trade commission issued a call yesterday to the Governors of all the States to send representatives to Washington to confer on April 30 on measures looking to the co-operation of the several States with the national government along the line of increasing food production and eliminating waste.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston declared yesterday that five big farmers' organizations have promised their support to the government in the steps it is taking to meet the food situation. They have gone so far, he said, as to declare that they would even endorse legislation giving the federal government power to fix the maximum prices at which food stuffs shall be sold.

Another important movement toward increasing the nation's food supply was announced by the department of labor, which issued a statement to the effect that it had undertaken to mobilize a million boys between the ages of fifteen and nineteen as farm workers.

William Jennings Bryan is to add his voice to the widespread appeal to the nation to devote every energy toward meeting the demand for food to feed not only America but the world. It was announced yesterday that the former secretary of state would tour the West to spread the appeal of the department of agriculture that millions of additional acres be sown to grains and other food stuffs.

WILSON AND BALFOUR MEET IN CONFERENCE

(Associated Press by Naval Radio Service) WASHINGTON, April 23.—Foreign Minister Balfour of Britain, President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing conferred today. Tomorrow will be devoted to social events and the conference will be renewed on Wednesday.